COMMENTS

These rhyolitic volcanics are flow and pyroclastic deposits. Perlitic textures are indicative of expansion of the rock upon hydration of rhyolitic glass – not necessarily of subaqueous environment. No fiamme were seen or other indications of pumice. It is likely that these rocks were entirely subaerial. Mineral identification in these volcanics is difficult. Certainly proportions of potash and plagioclase feldspar cannot be reliably estimated. Even tentative identification of smectite or of the colourless prismatic mineral seen in veins (scapolite or analcime / zeolite) is guesswork. In general, identification of the setting of volcanic sequences is best done by good field observation at outcrop scale.